

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A liquid crystal display device comprising:

a plurality of gate lines and data lines arranged horizontally and vertically, respectively,  
for defining a plurality of pixel areas;

a plurality of switching devices formed at intersections of the gate lines and the data  
lines; [[and]]

a pixel electrode formed in a pixel area connected to the switching device  
corresponding to the pixel area so as to [[and]] partially overlap [[overlapping]] the data lines  
adjacent to the corresponding pixel area and having an opening around the switching device  
corresponding to the pixel area, wherein a first parasitic capacitance generated by the pixel  
electrode overlapping a first area of a data line for the corresponding pixel area and a second  
parasitic capacitance generated by the pixel electrode overlapping a second area of a data line for  
an adjacent pixel area are substantially equal to each other; and

a protrusion from one of the data lines having an area overlapped with the pixel  
electrode that is a portion of one of the first and second areas,

wherein the first area has a first shape and the second area has a second shape that is  
different from the first shape.

Claims 2-5 (Cancelled).

Claim 6 (Original): The liquid crystal display device according to claim 1, wherein the switching devices are thin film transistors.

Claim 7 (Original): The liquid crystal display device according to claim 6, wherein each of the thin film transistors comprises:

- a gate electrode formed of a protrusion from the gate line;
- an insulating layer deposited over an entire substrate on which the gate electrode is formed;
- a semiconductor layer formed on the insulating layer;
- source and drain electrodes formed on the semiconductor layer; and
- a passivation layer deposited over the source and drain electrodes and the semiconductor layer.

Claim 8 (Original): The liquid crystal display device according to claim 7, wherein the source electrode protrudes into the pixel area and is overlapped by the pixel electrode.

Claim 9 (Original): The liquid crystal display device according to claim 7, wherein a portion of the pixel electrode protrudes and overlaps a source electrode of a thin film transistor for the corresponding pixel area.

Claim 10 (Original): The liquid crystal display device according to claim 1, further

comprising a storage capacitor electrode crossing the corresponding pixel area in parallel to the gate line, wherein at least one of the data lines adjacent to the corresponding pixel area has a portion protruding under the pixel electrode and over the storage capacitor electrode.

Claim 11 (Currently Amended): A liquid crystal display device comprising:

- a plurality of gate lines and data lines arranged horizontally and vertically defining a plurality of pixel areas;
- a plurality of switching devices formed at intersections of the gate lines and the data lines; and
- a pixel electrode formed in a pixel area connected to the switching device corresponding to the pixel area, each pixel electrode having a first portion with a taper shape overlapping a data line of an adjacent pixel area and a second portion with a rectangular shape overlapping a data line for the corresponding pixel area, wherein a portion of the data line for the corresponding pixel area protrudes into the corresponding pixel area such that a first parasitic capacitance generated by the second portion of the pixel electrode overlapping a data line for ~~[[of]]~~ the corresponding pixel area and a second parasitic capacitance generated by the first portion of the pixel electrode overlapping the data line for the adjacent pixel area are substantially equal to each other.

Claim 12 (Original): The liquid crystal display device according to claim 11, wherein the switching devices are thin film transistors.

Claim 13 (Original): The liquid crystal display device according to claim 12, wherein each of the thin film transistors comprises:

- a gate electrode formed of a protrusion from the gate line;
- an insulating layer deposited over an entire substrate on which the gate electrode is formed;
- a semiconductor layer formed on the insulating layer;
- source and drain electrodes formed on the semiconductor layer; and
- a passivation layer deposited over the source and drain electrodes and the semiconductor layer.

Claim 14 (Original): The liquid crystal display device according to claim 11, further comprising a storage capacitor electrode crossing the corresponding pixel area in parallel to a gate line, wherein at least one of the data lines adjacent to the corresponding pixel area have a portion protruding under the pixel electrode and over the storage capacitor electrode.

Claim 15 (Currently Amended): A liquid crystal display device comprising:

- a plurality of gate lines and data lines arranged horizontally and vertically, respectively ~~repectively~~, for defining a plurality of pixel areas;
- a plurality of switching devices formed at intersections of the gate lines and the data lines; [[and]]

a pixel electrode formed in a pixel area connected to a switching device corresponding to the pixel area so as to [[and]] partially overlap [[overlapping]] the data lines adjacent to the corresponding pixel area and having an opening around the switching device corresponding to the pixel area, wherein a first area of a data line for the corresponding pixel area overlapped with the pixel electrode and a second area of a data line for an adjacent pixel area overlapped with the pixel electrode are substantially equal to each other and have different shapes; and

a protrusion from one of the data lines having an area overlapped with the pixel electrode that is a portion of one of the first and second areas.

Claims 16 and 17 (Cancelled).

Claim 18 (Original): The liquid crystal display device according to claim 15, wherein a source electrode of the switching device protrudes into the pixel area and is overlapped by the pixel electrode.

Claim 19 (Original): The liquid crystal display device according to claim 15, wherein a portion of the pixel electrode protrudes and overlaps a source electrode of a switching device for the corresponding pixel area.

Claim 20 (Original): The liquid crystal display device according to claim 15, further comprising a storage capacitor electrode crossing the corresponding pixel area in parallel to a gate line, wherein at least one of the data lines adjacent to the corresponding pixel area have a portion protruding under the pixel electrode and over a storage capacitor electrode.